

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MADISON RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

The Madison Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Monday February 2, 2009. at 5:30 p.m. at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Recreation Director Mike Cassell

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The Roll Call of Board Members was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Gayle Milam and recorded as follows:

MBA President Anthony Dupree	Present
Westco President David Mobley	Present
Madison Dolphins President Mila Zitting	Absent
BAM Commissioner Mike Delmas	Present
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Present
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board Member Mike Ray	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education	Absent

Also in attendance were: Mayor Paul Finely, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Taylor Edge, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Boyde Allison, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kelly Johnson, Parks & Recreation Aquatic Director Chris Gareri, Parks & Recreation Office Manager Elise Kirkland, Parks & Recreation Assistant Program Director Lesa Preston, Parks & Recreation Lifeguard Zac Sirten and Parks & Recreation Accounting/Payroll Assistant Gayle Milam.

COMMENTS

Mayor Finely welcomed all Board Members and acknowledged six new members to the board. Mayor Finely would like to see this board try to make a difference and work towards ways of enhancing the community through facilities, fields and programs. He offered the assistance of the Volunteer Coordinator who will work with organizations. "With committing to supporting the board and working together, we should and must make a difference". Per the request of Mayor Finely each board member stated their name, whom they represented, a brief background of themselves, needs and what they would like to see from this board.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Election of the Board President was discussed. The Board President will be the facilitator for all meetings. Board Member Lanham recommended that the Board President be someone that has served on the Board and knows the ins and outs as well as what is to be expected. All members agreed to delay the elections until the next regular scheduled meeting.

The Election of the Board Secretary was delayed until the next regular scheduled meeting.

All members agreed to set the regular scheduled meeting for the first Tuesday of each month with the start time of 5:30 p.m. Regular Scheduled meetings will be held at Dublin Park.

Goals set forth by the Recreation Department were distributed to all members.

The 2008-2009 approved Recreation Budget were distributed to all members.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

RECREATION DIRECTOR MIKE CASSELL

Recreation Director Mike Cassell discussed the new MARS Program, the new Nine Hold Disc Golf Course at Dublin Park, the Joint Program with the City of Huntsville for a complete Disc Golf Course, Park and Playground. Mr. Cassell will be revisiting the policies and procedure agreements with the sports programs at the next regular scheduled meeting. Mr. Cassell with contact Kent Chambers in reference to the use of Palmer Park Baseball Fields seven and eight, Fields at Discovery and Fields at Liberty for use during for the Bob Jones Softball Tournament.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR TAYLOR EDGE

Advised the board that he is there as a resource for Recreation Director Mike Cassell to help empower – look out of the box for opportunities. He explained that the City of Madison is working with the City of Huntsville – reaching out to others to work together. Mr. Edge will work with the Board of Education for obtaining a representative to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Edge has requested each organization provide to the Recreation Director an asset list and action item list for the next regular scheduled meeting.

Action Items Discussed

- Identifying Projects
- Concessions for Dublin Park (Soccer Fields)
- Restrooms for Dublin Park (Soccer Fields)
- Weight room
- Improvements to Palmer Park
- Lacrosse Fields

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Westco President David Mobely moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.